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Why Does Life Seem to Be Unfair?
John 1:10-11; 1 Pet. 2:22-23

Introduction:
A. Earthly life was not fair to Jesus, why should expect any different?
B. Lesson we tried to teach our children – early.
C. We want to notice three reasons why life does not seem to be fair:

Discussion:

I. We must Live in a Sin-cursed World
   A. The world exists by the power of God.
      1. God created it. (Gen. 1:1-8)
      2. God sustains it (2 Pet. 3:3-7)
   B. The world is cursed by the power of sin (Gen. 3:17-19)
      1. Life made harder.
      2. Life leading to death.
      3. Life among sinners
   C. The world’s temporal conditions affect good and bad people alike (Matt. 5:45)

II. We must Live with the Bad Choices of Others
   A. God has given all men the power to choose (cf. Deut 30:19)
   B. One is not responsible for another’s choice (Ezek. 18:20)
   C. One often reaps the consequences of another’s choice (Ex. 20:5)
      1. Innocent Christians suffer from the hostilities of persecutors (John 15:20; 2 Tim. 3:12)
      2. Innocent children suffer from parent’s choices.
      3. Innocent victims may suffer from a another’s choice.
   D. Nearly every choice made affects someone else.
      1. Ill: The makers of a lemon automobile.
      2. (Achan’s choice and Israel)
      3. David’s choice to send for Bathsheba

III. We must Live with Our Own Past Bad Choices
   A. We need not live with the guilt of our bad choices.
      1. Forgiveness is available to everyone (Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47; 1 John 1:7-9).
      2. We can and should forgive ourselves.
   B. We may live the rest of our lives with the consequences.
      1. The destruction of our reputations.
      2. The loss of our goods, etc.
      3. The loss of health due to abuse of the body in sin.
      4. The consequences of a bad marriage.
      5. The consequences of criminal activity.

Conclusion:
A. We must recognize that our finite minds are poor judges of fairness (cf. Ezek. 18:25)
B. We must also recognize that all injustices will not be rectified until we reach heaven (cf. 2 Pet. 3:13)